

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following **before** Background of the Invention under the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" on page 1 of the specification as follows:

This application is a ~~Divisional~~ continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/666,615 filed on September 20, 2000. Priority is claimed based on U.S. Application No. 09/666,615 filed on September 20, 2000, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-256381 filed on August 25, 2000.

Please amend the fourth paragraph of page 15 of the Disclosure currently on file with the following paragraph:

A method for transporting the oocytes according to the present invention, to each of which the sample is injected, will be described referring to Fig. 6. In case of sale and transport of the oocytes, the oocytes 13 are put into the vessel 21, to which the solution of a buffer conventionally used for the amphibian oocytes dissolved with antibiotics such as gentamicin sulfate, penicillin and streptomycin, is filled. The vessel 21 is packaged using a packing material, such as styrene foam, and is preferably transported by maintaining a temperature at 4-25°C [[?]], more preferably at 18-22°C [[?]] by using a cold insulator 23 while avoiding shocking, as shown in Fig. 3.